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Work on swap 106 continues, however there have NOT been a lot of programs submitted, hone in, none out. How about a program on when to buy or sell stock, just a simple one, and someone else could modify it, and soon we all could be making the BIG burs!
The Great TS Garage/Porch/Lawn SALE!
18 Profile Pac- cartridge, cassette V. 3 and V.S, book, docs. ..... *60.00
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## NOT YOUR AVERAGE PC

The program listing on page 5 , illustrates some of the reasons why $I$ am still Timex Fan. This is the program I use to compose this article (LETS HEAR IT FOR CLIVE SINCLAIR). Note how short it is. Look at Line 300 . Not many a PC allows you to print an entire text with one instruction. Even machine code would require more memory. Look at Line 91. See how easy it is to insert a word within a text.

However the Timex is not completely perfect. It is difficult to save the text without saving the program also. But think of how many back-up copies I have of my program.

George Penney, SINCUS

## The Great TS GaragefPoreh/Lawn SALE:

All items sold as is, ALL SALES FINAL, no returns. All sales are on a first come first serve basis. You may wish to add a $2 d$ or $3 d$ preference, any over payment will be returned.

Item \# Description
Sale Frice
1 ZX80 w/manual, 22 cassettes, docs, cables, ps, books SYNTAX newsletters and $Z X$ Printer with aluminized paper. . 150.00
2 TS1000, w/ raised keys, ps; manual, 13 programs, 16K RAM,
Alphacom printer/13 paper rolls,3 books, newsletters, case
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3 TS1500, ps,schematic, GE Data Recorder, w/Winky board,
11 programs, 3 books, SYNTAX, carrying case, 16K Ram........................... 70.00
4 T52068, SOLD
5 FDDS000 disc system (Zebra) W/ CP/M option, manual, I/F 15 discs, CF/M and TOS on disc. FDD Express Newsletters................... $\$ 320.00$

6 Moden, 2050 in case, with 6 cassettes of telecom programs.............. $\$ 90.00$
7 TS1000 with 16K Memetern RAM, cables, PS; 4 books (no manual). ....... 20.00
8 ZXB1 with 16K RAM pac, cables; FS, 3 books(no manual)..................ion 20.00
-...following items are for the TS2068 machine
9 Hard/Software Fackage $A-$ a $32 K$ NVM menory board, Cross
Assembler, Timachine, Super Hot $Z$, Intro to 2068 M. C. by
Dr. L. Dreger, Hot Z, Hot Z Names, 2068 Tech Manual........................ 120.00
10 Hard/Software Fackage B - a $32 K$ NUM memory board, Zeuss Assembler,
Zip Compiler, Compass, 2068 ROM Manuseript by Dr. L. Dreger ............ $\$ 100.00$
11 Speech Package - $Z$ talker, 3 programs................................................... 00.00
12. Spectrum Rom switch, spectrum emulator, Spectrum $5 / \mathrm{w}$

MC Tutor, Spec Monitor, Assembler; DLAN. $\$ 150.00$

13 Game/Graphics Pac - SOLD
14 05-64 cartridge, Utilities s/w, Fersonnel Secretary...................... $\$ 45.00$
15 Pixel Frint Package, SOLD
16 Music package, 2 programs, 2 books........................................................ 15,00
17 Hardware pac - Eprom player, 2 I/0 port boards, ZAD broard,
Pseudoscope, Load Monitor, Byte Eack Clock and RS232, Data Frogram..... $\$ 110.00$

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1500
1510
    REM * GENERATE % SYMBOL
    FOR T=USA "e" TO USR "a"+7
    READ W: POKE T,W: NEXT T
1530 DATA 0,24,0,255,0,24,0,0
154B RETURN
```

You are expected to be correct
in the first $\mathrm{g}_{\mathrm{s}} \mathrm{significant} \mathrm{fig-}$
ures 20 be marked correct.
DUESTION NO. 1
$33 \div 77.8313=0.423991$
OUESTION NO.
$116.6 \div 12.9=9.03872$
Correcx. Press ENTER.
OUESTION NO. 3
$289 \stackrel{\div}{\div} 3.794 .36=55.182$
Urong. Answer is 55.081753
Press ENTER.

LETS HEAR IT FOR CLIUE SINELAIR
HAUTNG REEENTLY PUREADEEC FN SL ISH 5110 TO EET A MOFE EAPGEL PRINTER I HAUE AN EUEN GREATER ADPRECIRTION FOR THE SINCLAIR NOT MERELY BECRUSE BF PRICE TTHE ISM SIIO ORIGINALL COST TENS OF THOUSANDS A ANALOU IBH S 110 FND THE TYEX 1000 ERE DESOLETE THE EINQLSIR EYBTEM

LATEST EG．
ITS SIMFG PLUS FQE THE TIME TE
IN PART TO ITS LACE OF OIER GRE－
ABILITY：EXTERNALLY THE TIMEX
FILE IS A SINGLE READING FROM TRPE，HOWEUER，IN THE IEM 5110 ：N F TAPE FILE MUET EE STHUE－ U：ZED IN ADUANCE．

OTHER SIMPLIFICATIONS RESULT
FROM DEAL ING UITH ORTA IN MEMOEY AS DNE CONTINUOUS STRINE．FOR EXAMPLE，A UHOLE FILE CEN BE REFERRED TO BY A SINGLE NAME WHEREAS THE IBM S110 LIMITS STRING TO 255 BYTES．LIKENISE THE SINCLAIR BLLOWE EOTPLETE FLEXIBILITY IN DIMENSIONING OND REDIHENSIONING CHARAOTER ARRMY UITH THE IBH SIID，IF E DIMENS： ION IS NOT SPECIFIED IT IS MUTO－ MATICALLY 18 EYTES：IF A DIMENB－ ION IS SPECIFIED，IT CAN NOT EE CHANGED TO A LARGEF DIMENSION LATER IN THE PROGRAM．

HOUEUER，UHAT I LIKE MOST
ABOUT THE SINCLAIR BYSTEM IS THAT BASIC IS TRUL BRSIE．NOU THAT I HAUE READ THE INSTRUCT－ ION MANURL IT LIES ON THE SHELF GATHERING DUST．WITH OTHERS I HAUE TO KEEP REFERENEES AT HAND TO LOOK UP THE INTRIEREIES IN A BEGINNERS CODE．

SO LETS HEAR IT FOR OLIUEM：
GEOREE FENNEY

$$
0
$$

        GOTO 990
    
0.
8
REETURN-I
INPUT U

TO
92 RETURN
RETURN
LET F
SCROLL
INPUT
PRINT L F
G070 100
LET PI $P=I-L$
SCROLL
PRINT AT 20,$0 ;=1 P 1$ TE EIL
PAUSE 4E4
IF CODE INKEYS 112 OR CODE
( $=118$ THEN GOTD 210
LET N=L
LET PZ=P1+1

IF CODE INKEY: $=114$ ANS Nう 1
LET $N=N-I$
IF CODE INKEY $\$ 115$ GND CL
LET $N=N+I$
IF CODE INKEY $\$=117$ THEN GOS
IF CODE INKEY $4=115$ THEN GQS
FRINT RT 20,0; 二井: TGN;"絃
$\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{E}}^{\mathrm{O}} \mathrm{TO}_{4} \mathrm{TO}_{4}$
IF CODE INKE $=\leqslant 116=0 \mathrm{OL}$

- OTOTO $^{\circ}$
LPRINT ${ }^{2}$
STOP
SAUE "TR"" $4=C O D E *$
DIM L
LET I $=-$ EOS PI

ENTER TEXT" 500 EROMT
000 SAUE
TGI PRINT "EDITINE:",","" EDE
UREOR FOR INEXT LINE

TEXT URITER OPTIONS

| 99 | BEGIN NEL TEXT |
| :--- | :--- |
| 200 | ENTER TEXT |
| 200 | DISPLAY FOR EDIT |
| 300 | PRINT |
| 900 | SAUE |

EDIT ING
EGIT KEY FOR INSERTIONS UP－CURSOR FOR NEXT LINE

The subroutine in 500 to 680 revieus all INFUT and revects anything that cannot be a valid answer．In other words．it monitore infut so that nothing other than positive cor nega－ tivel numbers of 2 or more dig－ its get by．

## LONE DIUISION．GRADE SIX


#### Abstract

Rautine H－35 covers problems in long division and is similai in construction to $\mathrm{H}-34$ ．The two routiries could have been combined and supplied wi th a menu for choosing which opera－ tion to play，but I detided a－ gainst this．Muttiplication is usually taught several weeks bem fore long division．They are not taught concurrently．Hence there is little to be gained by


 a cambination．It is very easy on the Tse068 to convert one similar program into another，as editing is sim－ ple on this computer．Starting with the LISTing of $H-34$ ，I al－ tered the following lines．．．

5．10．20．40，80．100．\＆120
By comparing them you shoutd be able to discern the particu－ lar action taken．But line 120 may need a further explanation． In $\mathrm{H}-34$ we compared the stu－ dent＇s response＂try＂with the computer＂s＂ans＂，and allowed them to differ by no more than －DO in value．In division the difference is not a good crite－ rion as all of the answers will te small．Therefore we used a ：atio in the $\mathrm{H}-35$ routine so that to score correctly，the difference between the two val－ ués divided oy the computer：s value agrees to within 6 signi－ ficant iigures．This requires that the student carry his work out to Efigures．but it also limits his mork to this extent．

[^0]You can use this subroutine in other progerams and can add up to 15 additicna！sirecial symbols．More than al can be added but an explanation of the method will have to wait for an other day．The first two sub－ routines can also be incorporat－ ed into other programs．They may need to be bltered sifghtuy to suit your application．

## Warren Ficicke

H－35

## 5 REM＊＊＂I－17＂，1－6－90．WF <br> 10 REM＊＊LONG QIUISIOA，

20 RANDOMIZE ：GO SUB 1500
30 CLS LINT LET F＝0．
40 PRINT＂You are expected to be correct in the first esigni ficant fig－ures to be marked co reect．＂

50 FOR $I=1$ TO 10
6060 SUB 1000 ：LET N1 $=$ UAL N N
70 GO SUB 1000 ：LET NE＝URL N
80 LET ans＝N1 N2

110 INPUT T 事：EO SUB 500
115 LET try＝UAL H
122 IF ABS（ans－try）／ans） $2 E-5$ T HEN GO TO 150
130 PRINT＂Correct．Press E
NTER．＂
140 LET $F=F+1$ ： 60 TO 160
150 FRINT＂HT Wrong．Answer is
＂；ans：PRINT＂Press ENTER．＂
160 INPUT 2 $⿻$（ NEXT I
170 PRINT＂Your score 山as＂；
＂Out of 10．Press ENTER t
－play again．＂
180 INPUT z $⿻=$
190
500 REM＊＊INPUT MONITOR
510 LET H末＝T
515 IF LEN To
520 IF To $(1)="+"$ OR $T+(1)=" \cdots{ }^{-1} T$
HEN LET TB＝TH（2 TO）
530 60 TO 600
560 FOR $T=1$ TO 120：NEXT $T$ ：G0
TO 110
600 FOR $T=1$ TO LEN T $\ddagger$

AND T事（T）$<>": "$ THEN GO TO 110
E20 NEXT T
630 LET $5=0$
640 FOR $T=1$ TO．LEN T
650 IF T\＃（T）$=\cdots$ THEN LET $s=s+1$
660 IF S＞1 THEN GO TO 110
670 NEXT T
680 RETURN
690.

1000 REM＊＊NUMEER GENERATOR
1010 LET $A+=5 T R \$(1+900 * R N O * R N D)$
＋＂000＂
1020 LET $w=2+$ INT 16 ＊RND

1040 RETURN
1050

FULTIFLICATION GRADE BIX

This tutorig! demonstrates the simplicity uith uhich a $64 k$ computer can be frogrammed, to provide a no-fritl means of developing an undimited number of multiplication prablems for a math practice séssion of a sixgrader. The program LISTing is short and can readily be converted to the basic ianguage of other computers.

One of the bigges drambacks of most softuare packages froVided by the schuols today for their students is that the programs are too elaborately uritten. Thru these programs the inanimate computers are expectEd to teach. but they eannot anticipate a child"s needs, and are thus very inefficient as a teaching medium. Rs a consequence students can spend up to ejghty percent of their time standing by... watching crude computer animations. slow developing and fancy picture embetlishments, repetitious displays of the credit and introductory screens, unclear menus confusiligly abbrewiated instrustions, and the like. Much of this rot is created by the programmers and producers of the software. Who appear to be more concerned with demonstrating their programming ability than they are the education of the child. The relatively poar grades that students currently are scoring on standard tests compared to the grades in the years before computers entered the classrooms. is principally due to this inKficient method of teaching. ut. computers can be of help in prouiding a student with practice exercises to follow up on classroom instruetion, by a ieacher. $\mathrm{H}-34$ is a program uritten for this purpose.

Routine $H-34$ does nothing more iancy than to dewelop two decimal numbers for multiplication an paper by the student who then enters his answer. The camputer then checks it and indicates whether it is correct or not.

There are two subroutines in this pragram suitable for use in other prosrams. The one in dines 1000 to 1040 generates decimal and integral numbers in the range of 1 to goot. They are developed as "strings" so that the individuab digits can be manipulated. They are then canverted to numbers for computation and display.

## 5 REM * "I-1E", 1-6-90. UF 10 REM * HULTIPLICATION



You are expected to be within *03 Gif the carrect ansuer to be marked correct.

QUESTION NO. 1 $197.9 \times 11=2176.9$ Eorrect. fress ENTER.

QUESTIUN NO. 2 ${ }^{3}$.3 X $354=1160.2$ Press ENTER.

QUESTION NO. 3
$144 \times 114=15514$ Wrong. Answer is 15416 Press ENTER.

Omicalc - wow what a program. I got the 2068 version wich supports a full size printer from Knighted Computers (way back when!). Ok, so I don't get a whole lotta time to play with numbers. Well, I crunched into it 10 years of income tay forms and ran comparitive analysis of each years fed, state, and local taxes. Once I got the formulas correct, it did a great job of telling more than maybe I really want to know. Clyde Tackley says the graphics will printout if you have your printer preped before hand. The only way to save this program to disc is by a Nmi button. Suggestion - if you have this program, when setting up, always add 10 extra columns and rows more than you think you'll ever need. Once you use this and see the simply amazing power in action, you'll be wantin' to analyze all of your income and outgo!

Hi and welcome to Bret Gagnon, Florence MA. Welcome back and thank you for renewing to Jack Deuber, Casselberry, FL and William MacDougall, Willowdale, ONT., James Curry, Fochester, NY; Joan Kealy, Brackettville, TX, Tony Piombino, Lawtey, FL; M. Heusevelt, Lantana, FL and Don Lambert, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. If your mailing label has "LAST ISSUE" under the address, be advised that your subscription is up.

Our subscription rate is $\$ 8$ per year, please make your check out to "SINCUS". It looks like the good ole US Postal System is gona jack up its rates, which we need like a shorted SCLD chip. It may not hurt any to express your feelings on this to the post office. In light of an increase in postage, we will review our expenses, and see if there is a way to cut overhead, 5 issues a year in stead of $E$, or a marimum of 5 sheets per letter, or cut out some swaps. Any changes in rates, or letters per year will go into effect in 1991. Any further renewals accepted after Marih 31, 1990 will be affected by the changes forthcoming.

Our annual hunt for nominations for society offices starts again, discussions in March and nominations in April and followed by elections in May. If you don't show up you may get elected.

NEW SWAP in town; We have received a couple issues from SEATUG, the Seattle Area Timex/Sinclair Users Group, the newsletter "SWYM". Hello and we hope you find CIWEUS MEMS as informative as we find SWYM! Newsletter swap in care of Robert Cuzares, 118 N.W. 84th Street, Seattle, WA. 98117-3044

SNUG is alive and well, and in the good hands of the Indiana Group; to do our bit, We will be sending on disc an index of SINCUS NEWS articles, and disc files of available past material. This covers newsletters from 1983 to the present. This shouldn't take more than 1 or 2 months.

NEW - from E. Arthur Brown, remember them folks?, Well, Hal Sohn brought to the last meeting a recent copy of E25 catalog and on the back page is an offer for the ZX81 kit for $\$ 39.95$. They're still at 3404 Fawnee Dr., Alexandria, MN 56308

We have received a VHS tape of a program written by the Albany TSUG, and we planned on showing it at the Feb 90 meeting. Due to recent construction, scheduling, we were unable to get the room with the TV/VCR. We are passing the tape thru the membership, and hope to have it on its way by the first part of March. It is an interesting program for the 1000 , showing the globe turning, and the land masses moving across the surface.

Howcone it is easier to critize when slighted, than to say nothing?: and to say nothing when done a good turn?



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We have a garage sale! We have been asked to sell on consignment a 10 year collection of things Sinclair and Timex/Sinclair. Most all seems to be in beautiful condition. Like all things at a garage sale, prices are low, and all sales are final. Some of the items may already be sold by the time you get this. If you wish, include alternatives. If your item or items are no longer available, your check will be returned. Thanks for browsing, and note the terms at the end of the sale list.

January 17, SINCUS packed it's kit and kaboodle and headed off to OWEGD, NY. We met at beorge Penney"s "The Hub", and settled in to watch a couple of demos on his recent purchase. He got a discount on an IBM 5110 , about a $99.4 \%$ discount aff the orginial price (circa 1979) of some 38,000 bucs. The setup included a 64K RAM computer, a couple $\mathrm{B}^{\prime \prime}$ floppies, and one heavy duty printer. The computer housed a $5^{\prime \prime}$ screen, keyboard and space for a tape backup. The disc drives were housed in a unit compareable in size to a small refrigerator. Portable this ain't. George has since trained it to work and obey english commands. One does have to remember how one spelled a word the first time however. He is transferring some of the daily tasks from the TS1000 to the capable ibm machine. His 1000 , has only a 16KRAM, and a BK Hunter board, under a Ma Bell telephone operator's keyboard. Some of the keys have Manhattan, Staten Island, and Queens still on them. I wonder where that might have come fron. Elsewhere in this issue, George has a printout of his quick and dirty word processor, and more info on his 5110 . Thanks George, we all appreciated the demo and the change of venue! It was good to meet and talk with Gary Ennis, and he has invited all of us over this spring to his place for a demo of his video tape printer, index system and whatall. Sounds like fun!

SMUSG-Frank Davis, Paul Holmgren and Basil Wentworth have gotten the FIRST issue of the SNUG newsletter off. They have some very worthwile and interesting projects in mind to better facilitate info between the various computers we love and use. Amoung the ideas, cross compilers, diagnostic software to check out various parts of your machine, "HELP" files and more! SNUG's function would be to suggest and coordinate various individuals working on pieces of the larger puzzle. Comments, ideas and queries send to Mr. Holmgren, 5231 Wilton Wood Ct.e Indianapolis, IN 46254. Send a SASE for a reply!


[^1]
[^0]:    H－35 has an added subroutine lines 1500 to 1540．which gener－ ate the traditionai division symbot which is not on most com－ puters including the Timex． This symbol，once generzted． can be printed out simply by calting for CHR $\$ 146$ or by the tetter＂A＂in graphics．In this tutorial the graphics letter $A$ was used and the symbol printed in its place．one of the many nice features of the Timex is its ability to mix graphics and text at ariy time and any where on the sereen．Most other computers，operating in．basic， cannot do this．

[^1]:    Local members note: New addition to the Vestal Library is where we meet. New wing is on the right side of the building as you drive up - if you get lost - check with the main desk or listen for the sound of the disc drives.

